

PRASHANT BHANDARI

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA Aug 2022 -
PhD in Economics (GPA : 3.929)
Department of Economics

Kenyon College, Ohio USA Aug 2018 - May 2022
Bachelor of Arts, Economics (Honors), Mathematics
Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy and Poverty

PUBLICATION

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy by Smoking Status Among Ohio Adults, with Teferra, A. A., Nau, M., Tosun, L., Sahr, T. R., Freedner, N., & Ferketich, A. K., *Ohio Journal of Public Health* (2023).

WORKING PAPER

Military Expenditure and Foreign Direct Investment Inflow: An Empirical Analysis, with Narendra Regmi and Krishna Sharma (Accepted at *Review of International Economics*).

Why Give Up the Ability to Choose? Evidence from a Nepalese Land Allocation Program, with Abraham Holland and Bhisma K. Bhusal (under review).

Beyond Generations: Effect of Old Age Allowance on Education Expenditure in Nepal.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Mental Health and Worker Performance: Evidence from the Public Sector, with Muhammad Yasir Khan, Zain Chaudhry, Dietmar Fehr, and Karrar Hussain.

Special Economic Zones and Health Impact: Evidence from India, with Arpita Soni and Fizzah Malik.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Muhammad Yasir Khan May 2025 - Aug 2025

College of Public Health, Ohio State University May 2021 - Aug 2021
Advisor: Professor Amy Ferketich

Research Assistant to Professor Narendra Regmi Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- **Introduction to Mathematical Methods (PhD Level)** *Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025*
- **Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)** *Spring 2024*
- **Empirical Methods (PhD Level)** *Spring 2025*

Grader

- **Market Structure & Competition (Undergraduate)** *Spring 2024*

Tutor

- **Intermediate Microeconomics (Kenyon College)** *Fall 2021*
- **Introductory Macroeconomics (Kenyon College)** *Spring 2022*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Reuben E. Slesinger Fellowship *Aug 2022*
Awarded annually to the most promising entering PhD student, as determined by the graduate admissions committee.

The Paul Titus Economics Prize *Apr 2022*
Presented annually to a graduating student who has demonstrated unusual competence in economics and in the use of the tools of economic analysis.

The Reginald B. Allen Prize *Apr 2022*
Presented annually to a graduating student who has shown unusual promise in mathematics.

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award *Apr 2022*
Presented annually to a graduating student who seeks integration between Psychology and Economics.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Economics of Poverty and Inequality: Global Challenges in the 21st Century *Jul 2024*
University of Barcelona

SKILLS

Proficient in R, L^AT_EX, Python, STATA, ArcGIS, Matlab, MS-Excel, C++

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: English (Fluent), Nepali (Fluent) and Hindi (Fluent)

REFERENCES

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